

REMARKS

The Office Action dated July 9, 2003 has been received and carefully noted. Accordingly, claims 23-31 are respectfully submitted for reconsideration.

Claims 23-27, 30 and 31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Arita (U.S. Patent No. 5,821,926) in view of the newly-cited reference to Nozawa (U.S. Patent No. 5,805,272). In making this rejection, the Office Action took the position that Arita discloses all of the elements of the claimed invention, with the exception of disclosing magnifying buttons into a predetermined size in a longitudinal and lateral direction. Nozawa is cited for rectifying this deficiency.

Claims 28-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Arita and Nozawa (discussed above) and further in view of Schindler (U.S. Patent No. 5,675,390).

The present application is a divisional application of U.S. patent application No. 08/890,512. Therefore, the effective U.S. filing date of the present application is the same as that of the parent U.S. patent application, which is July 9, 1997. Both this application and the parent application claim priority to JP 8-183569 filed July 12, 1996; JP 8-206223 filed August 5, 1996; JP 8-236795 filed September 6, 1996; and JP 8-255050 filed September 26, 1996. Enclosed are verified translations of these priority documents that perfect priority dates before Nozawa's effective U.S. filing date of November 22, 1996. Thus, Nozawa is removed as a prior art reference.

Therefore, the Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of the application, withdrawal of the outstanding rejections, allowance of claims 23-31, and the prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowability are respectfully solicited.

If this application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing docket number 101216-09002.

Respectfully submitted,

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